

Access Procedures for July 4th

As the July 4th holiday approaches, the Metropolitan Police Department, Federal Protective Service, and the U.S. Park Service will be taking extra security precautions. As a result, the following procedures will apply to all employees parking at or entering the USDA Headquarters Complex on July 4th:

The Jamie L. Whitten Building will be closed at all exterior entrances including archways. Individuals wishing to gain access to the Building will only be allowed through the tunnel from the South Building. Additionally, all parking lots surrounding the Whitten Building will be closed to employees, with parking restricted to emergency personnel supporting the Mall festivities.

Employees with valid USDA identification cards will be allowed to park in Courts 1 and 2 of the South Building. The entrances to Courts 1 and 2 are located on C Street. Guests and/or family members must enter through the South Building at Wing 1, Independence Avenue, which is handicap accessible. Guests must be accompanied by a USDA employee, and with the exception of children, will be required to show a picture identification and process through the magnetometer and x-ray machines.

Should you have questions relative to this matter or other security concerns, please contact the Protective Operations Division on 202-720-6270, or the USDA Security Control Center on 202-690-0869.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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